Is it to be war ?

The country is full of zeal, of enthusiasm. Two weeks ago, in a meeting of twenty-two clubs from the three Departments, a petition was drawn up demanding that the king be brought to trial. At the banquet on the 14th, I proposed the health of the patriots of Auxonne.

September 20th, Corte, in Corsica:

M. Volney is here, and in a few days we shall start together on a tour of the island. M. de Volney's reputation in the republic of letters is founded on his *Voyage in Egypt.*

February 1st, 1792, Ajaccio:

In these stormy days the duty of a good Corsican is to remain at home. The general in command has offered me a commission as adjutant major of a volunteer battalion.

April. War of the First Coalition.

May 29th, Paris:

I arrived yesterday. Paris is in a state of grave agitation. The national guards on duty to protect the king at the Tuileries have been doubled.

There is a vast amount of desertion among army officers. From every point of view the situation is most critical.

June 14th. The country is distracted by fanatical parties; it is difficult to seize the thread of such complex